

CLAIMS

The invention is claimed as follows:

1. A gaming device including a free spins game comprising:
 - a plurality of sections;
 - 5 an outcome associated with said sections;
 - a plurality of reels;
 - a plurality of symbols on the reels, said symbols including a plurality of different section indicator symbols, each of said section indicator symbols associated with one of the sections;
 - 10 a modifier associated with the section indicator symbols;
 - a triggering event associated with at least one of said symbols or a combination of said symbols occurring on said reels; and
 - a processor operable to activate the reels upon the occurrence of the triggering event, obtain at least one of the sections when a designated
 - 15 combination of the section indicator symbols associated with said section occurs on the reels, increment the modifier when said designated combination of the section indicator symbols occurs on the reels and provide the outcome to the player when each of the sections has been obtained in the free spins game, wherein the outcome is modified by the modifier.
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2. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the symbols include at least one wild symbol.

3. The gaming device of Claim 2, which includes a wild symbol combination including at least two of said wild symbols, wherein all of the sections are obtained when said wild symbol combination occurs on the reels.
- 5 4. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a plurality of modifiers associated with the section indicator symbols.
5. The gaming device of Claim 4, wherein the modifiers include multipliers.
- 10 6. The gaming device of Claim 5, wherein at least two of the multipliers are different.
7. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the modifier includes a multiplier.
- 15 8. The gaming device of Claim 7, wherein the multiplier increments for each designated combination of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.
- 20 9. The gaming device of Claim 7, wherein multiplier increments for a plurality of designated combinations of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.

10. The gaming device of Claim 7, wherein the multiplier increments by a predetermined amount.
11. The gaming device of Claim 7, wherein the multiplier increments by a
5 randomly determined amount.
12. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the number of free spins is randomly determined.
- 10 13. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the number of free spins is predetermined.
14. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the outcome includes at least one of the following: an award, a value, a modifier, a free spin, a free game
15 and a game element.
15. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein at least one free spin of the reels is provided to the player for each designated combination of the section indicator symbols that occurs on the reels.
- 20 16. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein at least one free spin of the reels is provided to the player for a plurality of designated combinations of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.

17. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes at least one payline associated with the reels, wherein at least one of the sections is obtained when the designated symbol combination including the section indicator symbol associated with said section occurs on the payline.

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18. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a plurality of paylines associated with the reels, wherein at least one of the sections is obtained when the designated symbol combination including the section indicator symbol associated with said section occurs on the paylines.

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19. A gaming device including a free spins game comprising:
a plurality of sections;
an outcome associated with said sections;
a plurality of reels including a plurality of symbols, said symbols
5 including a plurality of different section indicator symbols, each of said section
indicator symbols associated with one of said sections;
a plurality of designated symbol combinations, said symbol
combinations including at least two of said section indicator symbols, wherein
each of said designated symbol combinations causes the sections to be
10 obtained when the designated symbol combinations are indicated on the reels;
and
a plurality of free spins of the reels, wherein the outcome is provided to
the player when a designated number of the sections are obtained by the
indication of the designated symbol combinations on the reels before there are
15 no free spins remaining.

20. The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein the symbols include at least
one wild symbol.

20 21. The gaming device of Claim 19, which includes a wild symbol
combination including at least two of said wild symbols, wherein all of the
sections are obtained when said wild symbol combination is indicated on the
reels.

22. The gaming device of Claim 19, which includes at least one multiplier associated with the section indicator symbols.

23. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the multiplier increments for
5 each designated combination of the section indicator symbols indicated on the reels.

24. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the multiplier increments for a plurality of designated combinations of the section indicator symbols indicated
10 on the reels.

25. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the multiplier increments by a predetermined amount.

15 26. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the multiplier increments by a random amount.

27. The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein the number of free spins is randomly determined.
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28. The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein the number of free spins is predetermined.

29. The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein the outcome includes at least one of the following: an award, a value, a modifier, a free spin, a free game and a game element.

5 30. The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein at least one free spin of the reels is provided to the player for each designated combination of the section indicator symbols indicated on the reels.

31. The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein at least one free spin of the
10 reels is provided to the player for a plurality of designated combinations of the section indicator symbols indicated on the reels.

32. The gaming device of Claim 19, which includes at least one payline associated with the reels, wherein at least one of the sections is obtained
15 when one of the designated symbol combinations is indicated on the payline.

33. The gaming device of Claim 19, which includes a plurality of paylines associated with the reels, wherein at least one of the sections is obtained when one of the designated symbol combinations is indicated on the paylines.

34. A gaming device including a free spins game comprising:

a plurality of sections;

an outcome associated with said sections;

a plurality of reels;

5 a plurality of symbols on the reels, said symbols including a plurality of different section indicator symbols, each of said section indicator symbols associated with one of the sections;

a modifier associated with the section indicator symbols;

a triggering event associated with at least one of said symbols or a
10 combination of said symbols occurring on said reels; and

a processor operable to activate the reels upon the occurrence of the triggering event, obtain at least one of the sections when a designated combination of the section indicator symbols associated with said section occurs on the reels, increment the modifier when said designated combination
15 of the section indicator symbols occurs on the reels, eliminate said section indicator symbol from the reels when said designated combination of section indicator symbols occurs on the reels and provide the outcome to the player when each of the sections has been obtained in the free spins game, wherein the outcome is modified by the modifier.

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35. The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein the symbols include at least one wild symbol.

36. The gaming device of Claim 35, which includes a wild symbol combination including at least two of said wild symbols, wherein all of the sections are obtained when said wild symbol combination occurs on the reels.

5 37. The gaming device of Claim 34, which includes a plurality of modifiers associated with the section indicator symbols.

38. The gaming device of Claim 37, wherein the modifiers include multipliers.

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39. The gaming device of Claim 38, wherein at least two of the multipliers are different.

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40. The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein the modifier includes a multiplier.

41. The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the multiplier increments for each designated combination of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.

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42. The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein multiplier increments for a plurality of designated combinations of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.

43. The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the multiplier increments by a predetermined amount.
44. The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the multiplier increments by a
5 randomly determined amount.
45. The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein the number of free spins is randomly determined.
- 10 46. The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein the number of free spins is predetermined.
47. The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein the outcome includes at least one of the following: an award, a value, a modifier, a free spin, a free game
15 and a game element.
48. The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein at least one free spin of the reels is provided to the player for each designated combination of the section indicator symbols that occurs on the reels.
- 20 49. The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein at least one free spin of the reels is provided to the player for a plurality of designated combinations of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.

50. The gaming device of Claim 34, which includes at least one payline associated with the reels, wherein at least one of the sections is obtained when the designated symbol combination including the section indicator symbol associated with said section occurs on the payline.

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51. The gaming device of Claim 34, which includes a plurality of paylines associated with the reels, wherein at least one of the sections is obtained when the designated symbol combination including the section indicator symbol associated with said section occurs on the paylines.

52. A method for operating a gaming device, said method comprising:
- (a) initiating a plurality of free spins of the reels;
 - (b) displaying a plurality of reels having a plurality of symbols, an outcome and a plurality of sections associated with said outcome to a player, said symbols including a plurality of different section indicator symbols, wherein said section indicator symbols are associated with each of said sections;
 - (c) activating the reels;
 - (d) determining whether a designated combination of said section indicator symbols are indicated on the reels;
 - (e) obtaining at least one of the sections when said designated combination of the section indicator symbols is indicated on the reels;
 - (f) eliminating the section indicator symbol included in said designated symbol combination when said designated symbol combination is indicated on the reels;
 - (g) repeating steps (c) to (g) until there are no spins remaining or until all of the sections are obtained; and
 - (h) providing the outcome to the player when a designated number of the sections are obtained.

53. The method of Claim 52, wherein the step of obtaining at least one of the sections when said designated combination of the section indicator symbols is indicated on the reels includes removing the section.

5 54. The method of Claim 52, which includes obtaining all of the sections when a designated symbol combination including at least one wild symbol occurs on the reels.

55. The method of Claim 52, which includes associating at least one
10 multiplier with the section indicator symbols.

56. The method of Claim 55, which includes the step of incrementing the multiplier for each designated combination of the section indicator symbols that occurs on the reels.

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57. The method of Claim 55, which includes the step of incrementing the multiplier for a plurality of designated combinations of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.

20 58. The method of Claim 55, which includes the step of incrementing the multiplier by a predetermined amount.

59. The method of Claim 55, which includes the step of incrementing the multiplier by a random amount.

60. The method of Claim 52, which includes the step of randomly determining the number of free spins.

5 61. The method of Claim 52, which includes the step of pre-determining the number of free spin

62. The method of Claim 52, which includes the step of providing at least one free spin of the reels to the player for each designated combination of the
10 section indicator symbols that occurs on the reels.

63. The method of Claim 52, which includes the step of providing at least one free spin of the reels to the player for a plurality of the designated combinations of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.

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64. The method of Claim 52, wherein the step of obtaining at least one of the sections includes obtaining at least one of the sections when said designated combination of the section indicator symbols occurs on a payline associated with the reels.

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65. The method of Claim 52, wherein the step of obtaining at least one of the sections includes obtaining at least one of the sections when said designated combination of the section indicator symbols occurs on a plurality of paylines associated with the reels.

66. The method of Claim 52, wherein the steps (a) to (h) are provided to the player through a data network.

5 67. The method of Claim 66, wherein the data network is an internet.